

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) An electronic message management system comprising:
a related message determination device that determines one or more related electronic messages to a new electronic message;
a message control device that assembles the one or more related electronic messages; and
a message display device that nondisruptively displays a portion of the one or more related electronic messages.
2. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising an electronic message composition device that allows a user to at least one of create or update the new electronic message.
3. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the related message determination device automatically determines the one or more related electronic messages after commencement of the creating or updating of the new electronic message.
4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein upon selection of a portion of one of the one or more related messages, the related message is displayed.
5. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the related message determination is based on at least one of: a statistical analysis; a comparison of the new electronic message to at least one of the one or more related electronic messages; a keyword search; an address field search; a recipient search; a sender search; a subject field search; a date search; and a recency search.
6. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more related electronic messages are at least one of: displayed in a new user interface; assembled into a digest; and stored.
7. (original) An electronic message management method comprising:

determining one or more related electronic messages to a new electronic message;
assembling the one or more related electronic messages; and
nondisruptively displaying a portion of the one or more related electronic messages.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, further comprising creating or updating the new electronic message.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein determining the one or more related electronic messages automatically occurs after commencement of creating or updating of the new electronic message.

10. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein upon selection of a portion of one of the one or more related messages, the related message is displayed.

11. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the related message determination is based on at least one of: a statistical analysis; a comparison of the new message to at least one of the one or more related electronic messages; a keyword search; an address field search; a recipient search; a sender search; a subject field search; a date search; and a recency search.

12. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more related electronic messages are at least one of: displayed in a new user interface; assembled into a digest; and stored.

13. (original) An information storage media comprising information that manages electronic messages comprising:
information that determines one or more related electronic messages to a new electronic message;
information that assembles the one or more related electronic messages; and

information that nondisruptively displays a portion of the one or more related electronic messages.

14. (original) The information storage media of claim 13, further comprising information that creates or updates the new electronic message.

15. (original) The information storage media of claim 14, wherein determining the one or more related electronic messages automatically occurs after commencement of the creating or updating of the new electronic message.

16. (original) The information storage media of claim 13, wherein upon selection of a portion of one of the one or more related messages, the related message is displayed.

17. (original) The information storage media of claim 13, wherein the user-selected rule provides options for determining the relatedness of the messages, the options comprising: a statistical analysis; a comparison of the new electronic message and at least one of the one or more related electronic messages; a keyword search; an address field search; a recipient search; a sender search; a subject field search; a date search; and a recency search.

18. (original) The information storage media of claim 13, wherein the one or more related electronic messages are at least one of: displayed in a new user interface; assembled into a digest; and stored.

19. (currently amended) An electronic message management system comprising:
a data system for identifying data in electronic messages, the data system adapted to identify ~~related~~ electronic messages related to a new electronic message;
a message control system associated with the data system, the message control system adapted to assemble the related electronic messages; and
an output device adapted to nondisruptively communicate the related electronic messages.

20. (original) The electronic message management system of claim 19 wherein the data system further includes a rule and the data system identifies related electronic messages according to the rule.

21. (original) The electronic message management system of claim 19 wherein the output device communicates in at least one of a human readable and computer readable format.

22. (new) The system of claim 1, wherein the related message determination device determines the one or more related electronic messages during a creation of the new electronic message and the message display device nondisruptively displays the portion of the one or more related electronic messages during the creation of the new electronic message.

23. (new) The system of claim 1, wherein the related message determination device determines the one or more related electronic messages to the new electronic message based on one or more rules and further comprising an interface device used to enter in the one or more rules into the related message determination device.

24. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein the determining the one or more related electronic messages is during a creation of the new electronic message and the nondisruptively displaying the portion of the one or more related electronic messages is during the creation of the new electronic message.

25. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein the determining the one or more related electronic messages is based on one or more rules and further comprising entering the one or more rules before the determining.

26. (new) The information storage media of claim 13, wherein the information that determines the one or more related electronic messages is during a creation of the new electronic message and the information that nondisruptively displays the portion

of the one or more related electronic messages is during the creation of the new electronic message.

27. (new) The information storage media of claim 13, wherein the information that determines the one or more related electronic messages is based on one or more rules and further comprising information for entering the one or more rules before the determining.

28. (new) The system of claim 19, wherein the data system identifies the electronic messages related to the new electronic message during a creation of the new electronic message and the output device nondisruptively displays the portion of the one or more related electronic messages during the creation of the new electronic message.

29. (new) The system of claim 19, wherein the data system identifies the electronic messages related to the new electronic message based on one or more rules and further comprising an interface device used to enter in the one or more rules into the data system